

I believe this is mandate is wrong. If you look at the entire concept of what you are doing, the majority of people in this country pay for cable access, satellite access and the like. What you are proposing is not unlike an automobile manufacturer telling you that you cannot park the car you purchased in an unapproved garage and then placing a chip in said vehicle to cause it to detect the type of garage, and shutting itself off before you could park it there.

The entities behind this act is so concerned about theft that they are willing to step on the right to fair use of the people because they can't control the OpenSource software industry. And the lost profits and abuses are that much larger for being unproveable. They see spectres behind every Linux or FreeBSD box, whether or not they exist. It is, in their eyes, the threat of having someone use free software applications. So they want to stop me, a Linux user, from watching television or a movie while I work. I use Linux professionally, it is not wrong for me to have a window with a television in it as I work.

The FCC needs to stop serving these huge multinational companies and remember what the U.S. Government is there to do...To serve the people. I urge you not to pass NPRM 02-230. Its a bad piece of legislation that steals the rights of the common citizen, the ones that you are tasked to serve rather than a few special interests.

Sincerely,  
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